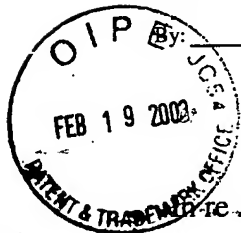


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement and Request for Election dated December 10, 2002, setting a one (1) month term for response. Prior to examination of the application, please amend the specification of the above-identified application as listed below. Please note that the period for response has been extended until February 10, 2003, by the accompanying Petition and fee.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim 231.

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."